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### **VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS**

Cynthia T. Brown Chief of the Section of Administration Office of Proceedings Surface Transportation Board 395 E Street, S.W. Washington, DC 20024

ENTERED Office of Proceedings



Re: STB Docket No. 35463

Montreal, Maine & Atlantic Ry., Ltd.-- Modified Rail Certificate

-- In Aroostook and Penobscot Counties, Maine

### Dear Ms. Brown:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of of Montreal, Maine & Atlantic Railway, Ltd. in the above captioned proceeding are the original and 10 copies of a Notice of Intent to Terminate Service. Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.

Very truly yours,

Lames E. Howard

**Enclosures** 



# **BEFORE THE**

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD Finance Docket No. 35463 MONTREAL, MAINE & ATLANTIC RAILWAY, LTD. --MODIFIED RAIL CERTIFICATE -- IN PENOBSCOT AND AROOSTOOK COUNTIES, ME ENTERED Office of Proceedings APR 1 4 2011 Part of Public Record

### NOTICE OF INTENT TO TERMINATE SERVICE

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Dated: April 13, 2011

# BEFORE THE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

Finance Docket No. 35463

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MONTREAL, MAINE & ATLANTIC RAILWAY, LTD. -MODIFIED RAIL CERTIFICATE -- IN
PENOBSCOT AND AROOSTOOK COUNTIES, ME

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#### NOTICE OF INTENT TO TERMINATE SERVICE

Montreal, Maine & Atlantic Railway, Ltd. ("MMA") hereby submits this Notice of Intent to Terminate Service (the "Notice") pursuant to 49 CFR 1150.24.

- 1. In a decision served on December 27, 2010, the Board granted MMA's application to abandon approximately 233 miles of rail line in Aroostook and Penobscot Counties, Maine (the "Lines"). Montreal, Maine & Atlantic Railway, Ltd.-
  Discontinuance of Service and Abandonment--In Aroostook and Penobscot Counties,

  ME, STB Docket No. AB 1043 (Sub-No. 1).
- 2. As of January 14, 2011, MMA conveyed the Lines to the State of Maine (the "State"). MMA and the State agreed, however, pursuant to an Interim Service Agreement dated January 13, 2011 (the "Interim Service Agreement") that MMA would continue to operate the Lines on an interim basis until the State could select a new operator and the new operator was ready to take over operations on the Lines.
- 3. In order to undertake such operations pursuant to the Interim Service

  Agreement, MMA requested, and the Board granted, as part of its decision served on

December 27, 2010, a modified certificate of public convenience and necessity pursuant to 49 CFR part 1150, subpart C. MMA has continued to operate the Lines pursuant to the Interim Service Agreement and the modified certificate.

- 4. As of April 5, 2011, the State selected Eastern Maine Railway ("EMR") to be the operator of the Lines.
- 5. The Interim Service Agreement provides, in effect, that MMA's right and obligation to provide service on the Lines will terminate when EMR begins providing service on the Lines. In no event, however, will the Interim Service Agreement terminate later than the date that is 5 months after the sale of the Lines to the State. Consequently, MMA's rights and obligations pursuant to the Interim Service Agreement will terminate when EMR begins operations or on June 14, 2011 at the latest.
- 6. MMA, EMR and the State intend that EMR will begin its operations on the Lines, and MMA will cease operations on the Lines, as soon as EMR is ready to begin such operations and has filed a notice for a modified certificate. The State and EMR anticipate that EMR may be ready to begin its operations earlier than June 14, 2011.
- 7. MMA intends by this Notice to terminate its modified certificate, in accordance with 49 CFR 1150.24, no later than 60 days after the date that this Notice is filed with the Board.
- 8. In accordance with 49 CFR 1150.24, MMA hereby certifies that it is filing this Notice simultaneously with the Department of Transportation of the State of Maine and is

mailing a copy of the Notice to all persons that have used the Lines within 6 months preceding the date of this Notice.

Montreal, Maine & Atlantic Railway, Ltd.

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